

DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE PACIFIC AIR FORCES

MEMORANDUM FOR: The Alaskan Flying Public

Alaska's Flying Visitors

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FROM: 611 AOS

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SUBJECT: Continuing Military Air Training Publicity

- 1. In our committed effort to inform Alaska's flying public about Air Force flight training we are using several avenues. This letter will be distributed at the next Alaska Civil/Military Aviation Council, Civil/Military Aviation Council in Anchorage, and sent to various flying agencies around the state. This letter can also be obtained at our airspace management web site at www.elmendorf.af.mil.
- 2. Military Training Routes (MTR): We fly 12 ground tracks, which are listed as 48 different routes in FLIP AP/1B (FAA document). They are located from near Dillingham to Eagle. Several routes cross roads and high-use VFR corridors. Aviators should consult Flight Service Stations (FSS) for scheduling advisories on which routes are active. The routes are almost all listed on IFR Enroute Low charts. However, 4-digit routes such as VR 1900 along the Northern slope of the Alaska mountain range are not shown on these charts, as no segments go above 1,500' AGL. There are others, which are listed as 19xx series in AP1/B. An Alaskan MTR graphic is listed on the web page cited above. MTR use can occur within two hours of scheduling, so timely contact with FSS is prudent. Each entry in AP/1B was updated in 2004. If you have not reviewed it lately, please do so. Alaska's MTRs are 900 and 1900 series. We are currently in the initial stages of remodeling Alaska's MTR structure in order to simplify, shorten, add two routes, and delete two. Please watch for the public announcement in early 2005.
- 3. Military Operations Areas (MOA) and Restricted Areas. These also cover a large portion of Alaska. Please consult the Flight Service Stations in the applicable area for the schedule. Several MOAs allow supersonic training. Supersonic training is restricted to 5,000' AGL or 10,000' or 12,000' MSL, whichever is higher depending on the MOA. If aviators experience an event in which they want to gain or pass information, they should call either the 3rd Wing or 354th Fighter Wing public affairs office or the Alaskan Command public affairs office toll free number at 1-800-538-6647.
- 4. Lights Out Training in MOAs. The FAA has granted a waiver to perform training without aircraft external lighting on in MOA airspace around the US. Several Alaskan MOAs will be used locally for this training. Please look at our web page for the Information Flyer containing detailed information about this training.

- 5. Low Altitude VFR training. The MTRs described above allows the Air Force to conduct high-speed training at low altitudes. We have two aircraft, the A-10 and C-130, which fly VFR at slow speeds and don't require high-speed airspace. In order to allow varied training they fly in areas roughly within 150NM of both Anchorage and Fairbanks. A graphic depicting these areas is also listed on our web page.
- 6. Our web site also contains Major Flying Exercise schedule information. In the interior near the Alaska Highway, we provide the Special Use Airspace Information Service (SUAIS) on web, telephone, and VHF radio. Please consult our web site for pertinent SUAIS information, including the 2005 SUAIS pamphlet (see attachment). Other useful airspace related web sites are the Mid-Air Collision Avoidance pages listed at both the 3 WG and 354 FW flight safety's (SEF) public web pages (www.elenendorf.af.mil, & www.elenendorf.af.mil, and the FAA Alaska Region at http://www.alaska.faa.gov/at.
- 7. Military aviation training allows our aircrews to build the skills necessary to defend America. We thank the flying public in Alaska for their support and participation in aiding the Air Force to accomplish our mission safely and efficiently. For questions, or to provide additional addressees please contact ouroffice at 552-2430, 552-0999, or 552-4056.

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Special Use Airspace Information Service Pamphlet